THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, it is not possible to accept such proposals at present.

(c) An amount of Rs. 1837.82 lakhs was allotted for the development of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh during 1985-86. For 1986-87, an amount of Rs. 2250.00 lakhs has been presently earmarked.

Vayudoot service between Hyderabad Nalgonda, Chittoor and Khammam

2069. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Vayudoot services between Hyderabad-Nalgonda-Hyderabad Chittoor and Hyderabad-Khammam; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) While Vayudoot is already operating to and through Hyderabad, there are at present no plans to provide airlinks to Nalgonda, Chittoor and Khammam.

Artificial heart valves

2070. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian doctors have been successful in designing the first artificial heart valve; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A team of doctors and engineers at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute, Trivandrum has successfully developed an artificial heart valve which meets the specifications of the International standards organisation. The device has passed various engineering tests and functioned well over a long time in animals. Clinical Trial of the valve is, however, yet to take place.

Indian Airlines sales agents in Assam

2071. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) the names of authorised booking agents of Indian Airlines functioning under its Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Guwahati stations and the respective dates when they were so appointed;

(b) the details of new appointments of booking agents by Indian Airlines under these stations during the last five years, if any; and

(c) the amount of sales generated by these three stations and the booking agents under these stations month-wise during the last three years and the actual amount of sales commission paid by Indian Airlines to all these agents during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines has no travel agent at Dibrugarh. They have a travel agent at Tinsukhia which covers Dibrugarh area. The details regarding the names, etc. in respect of